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1. VERNON MENDIS, SRI LANA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE HELD PRESS BRIEFING EVENING AUGUST 10. THIS IS APPARENTLY FIRST OF PLANNED PRESS BRIEFINGS ON CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD EACH EVENING AT 7:00 P.M.

2. MENDIS CLAIMED THAT NACC HAD COMPLETED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF ITS WORK AND WOULD HAVE TO FINISH ITS WORK BY 1:00 P.M. AUGUST 11, PRIOR TO START OF FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. SAME DAY. HE ALSO SAID NACC WAS SPENDING MOST OF ITS TIME ON AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND MANDATE OF THE NACC. IN THIS REGARD, SPOKESMAN SAID THERE ARE FOUR POINTS BEING CONSIDERED: (1) EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF NACC. (MENDIS SAID THERE WAS CONSENSUS FOR EXPANSION BUT NUMBERS VARIED FROM 20 TO 35); (2)
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INSURANCE OF CONTINUITY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK (MAKING

CERTAIN THE FOUNDING FATHERS SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, ETC., STAY ON THE NACC); (3) FINDING A MECHANISM FOR ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP ON NACC; (4) FINDING A FORMULA FOR AN EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. MENDIS ALSO SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT.

3. REGARDING DRAFTING OF DECLARATIONS, AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION, PLAN FOR NACC TO BREAK DOWN INTO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES (REFTEL) WAS NOT CARRIED THROUGH. CONSIDERATION OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE THROWN INTO FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.
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